

**November 7, 2012**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **The Detroit News: Markman, McCormack lead in Supreme Court race**

"Voters appeared to favor two Republican incumbents and a fresh-faced Ann Arbor Democrat for three seats on the Michigan Supreme Court, with 94 percent of precincts reporting. The results mean the GOP retains control of the state's top court.... Democrat Bridget Mary McCormack held a narrow lead over Conservative Justice Stephen Markman, both with 23 percent of the vote, with 4,799 of 5,099 precincts reporting.... GOP-nominated Justice Brian Zahra leads Democratic-backed Shelia Johnson 50 percent to 41 percent in the race for a partial-term seat."

[Full story](#)

***Also see:***

### **The Detroit News: Michigan ballot issues and judicial races; Latest statewide results of Michigan ballot issues and races for Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Republicans to hold onto control of Michigan Supreme Court**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Supreme Court election results**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Court of Appeals election results**

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### **The Battle Creek Enquirer: GOP holds on to Michigan Supreme Court majority**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal, the Oakland Press and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

### **MLive.com: Election results 2012: Michigan Supreme Court stays conservative; 2 incumbents win along with 1 newcomer**

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### **The MiLW Blog: McCormack elected to Michigan Supreme Court; Markman re-elected in second place**

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### **Petoskey News-Review: GOP eyes continued Michigan Supreme Court majority**

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### **The Detroit News: Ousted judge won't return to bench in Inkster**

"Ousted 22nd District Court Judge Sylvia James will not return to the bench in January after her bid ended Tuesday with voters sticking with her replacement, newly appointed Judge Sabrina Johnson. James faced off against Johnson, a former Wayne County assistant, after Gov. Rick Snyder named Johnson to the bench last month after the Michigan Supreme Court earlier removed James for misconduct."

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***Also see:***

### **The MiLW Blog: Johnson defeats James in Inkster district judge race**

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**WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Sylvia James defeated in 22nd District Court race**

[Full story](#)

**WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Mich. Judge booted from bench for misconduct loses bid to return**

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Free Press: Oakland County races: 5 incumbent judges likely to defeat 2 challengers**

"Five Oakland County Circuit Court judges were hanging onto their seats following a months-long assault by two challengers whose campaigns were financed by out-of-state groups. With 262 out of 540 precincts reporting, incumbents Michael Warren, Wendy Potts, Leo Bowman, Denise Langford Morris, and Phyllis McMillen had edges over challengers Deborah Carley, who had 10.7% of the vote, and William Rollistin, with 7.14%."

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**Also see:**

**Detroit Free Press: Brian Dickerson: Election proved money alone can't buy you victory**

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**The Oakland Press: UPDATED: Unity Slate judges re-elected to Oakland Circuit Court**

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Free Press: Measures to fund public safety in Macomb County communities are defeated**

"... Probate court judge: Former county Prosecutor Carl Marlinga led family law and estate planning attorney Sandra Harrison 59.3% to 40.7% with 9.1% of precincts reporting."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**The Macomb Daily: Marlinga has lead for probate judge**

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**The Detroit News: Unofficial Wayne County election results**

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**Also see:**

**The Detroit News: Unofficial Oakland County election results**

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**The Detroit News: Unofficial Macomb County election results**

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**The Detroit News: Unofficial Livingston County election results**

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**Detroit Free Press: Unofficial Wayne County and City of Detroit election results**

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**Detroit Free Press: Unofficial Oakland County election results**

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Free Press: Unofficial Macomb County election results**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Detroit fire case gets hearing in U.S. Supreme Court**

"The case of a Detroit arson suspect whose case was thrown out by a Wayne County circuit judge has had a hearing before the U.S. Supreme Court. At a hearing in Washington on Tuesday, the justices appeared inclined to rule that criminal defendants like Lamar Evans can't be retried, even if the judges who acquit them bases the decisions on legal errors."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **The Detroit News: Justices weigh Michigan double jeopardy case**

[Full story](#)

### **Ann Arbor.com: Connors and Kuhnke win in Washtenaw County 22nd Circuit Court judicial races**

"Judge Tim Connors defeated challenger Michael Woodyard by a landslide Tuesday in one of two races for Washtenaw County's 22nd Circuit Court.... In the race to replace outgoing Judge Melinda Morris, Carol Kuhnke defeated Jim Fink by more than 11,000 votes, giving her 54.1 percent of the vote."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Ann Arbor Chronicle: Kuhnke, Connors Elected to 22nd Circuit Court**

[Full story](#)

### **Bay City Times: Re-elected Bay County District Judge Tim Kelly has eye toward the future**

"Having been elected to his third term as a Bay County District Court judge, Timothy J. Kelly said he doesn't plan on resting on his laurels. Kelly defeated challenger Edward M. Czuprynski in the Nov. 6 general election, garnering 28,497 votes to Czuprynski's 16,889."

[Full story](#)

### **The Daily News/Iron Mountain: Iron County results contested races**

"Probate Court Judge (non-partisan): C. Joseph Schwedler 2,802 votes, 51.67 percent; Mark D. Tousignant 2,609 votes, 48.11 percent."

[Full story](#)

### **The Daily News/ Iron Mountain: Dickinson County results uncontested races**

"... Probate Judge (non-partisan): Thomas Slagle 9,058 votes, 99.02 percent."

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### **Flint-Genesee County Legal News: 2012 Child Welfare Award Winners announced**

"The Foster Care Review Board announced the recipients of its 2012 Child Welfare Awards, which recognize exceptional services to children and families in the state's child welfare system. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Mary Beth Kelly will present the awards at the FCRB's annual awards breakfast at the Lexington Lansing Hotel on November 9 at 8:45 a.m."

[Full story](#)

### **Flint Journal: Flint district judges Crawford, Marable lead big in reelection bid**

"Despite multiple challengers and a heated campaign, Flint District judges Herman Marable Jr. and William Crawford II opened up a big lead in their reelection campaign. With almost 80 percent of the city vote counted, Crawford and Marable had more than double the votes of their closest challenger, attorney Jill Creech Bauer."

[Full story](#)

## **Grand Rapids Legal News: Judges swear in new Court Appointed Special Advocates for children**

"... On Oct. 30, the 27th Circuit Court Family Division swore in another cohort of fully-trained CASA volunteers. Judge Patricia Gardner administered the oath to 11 new volunteers in her courtroom; two additional volunteers were unable to attend. Judges Paul Denenfeld and George Jay Quist joined Judge Gardner in speaking to the newest class."

[Full story](#)

## **Grand Rapids Press: Incumbent judges Patricia Gardner, Patrick Hillary win re-election for Kent County Probate Court**

"Judges Patricia Gardner and G. Patrick Hillary held onto their seats on the Kent County Probate Court as results from the City of Grand Rapids were confirmed Wednesday, Nov. 7, morning. Gardner led with 137,342 votes when all precincts were reported around 7 a.m. Hillary closely followed with 132,554 votes."

[Full story](#)

## **Grand Rapids Press: Election 2012: Ottawa County assistant prosecutor wins district judge seat**

"In the 58th District Court race, assistant Ottawa County prosecutor Craig Bunce defeated county magistrate Vern Helder, receiving nearly 56 percent of the vote.... Bunce will replace longtime District Judge Richard Kloote, who is retiring at the end of the year after 30 years on the bench."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **Holland Sentinel: Bunce wins 58th District judge seat**

[Full story](#)

## **Hometown Life Newspapers: Meinecke humbled to be next 44th District Court judge; Ginotti loses by 2309 votes**

"A years worth of emotions were poured out by Derek Meinecke and his supporters Tuesday night as he was elected judge in the 44th District Court. Meinecke was greeted with a steady stream of tears, hugs and handshakes after addressing his supporters with the win over Carlo Ginotti all but wrapped up."

[Full story](#)

## **Hometown Life Newspapers: Nance leading in 46th District Court race**

"With 46 out of 55 precincts reporting in the 46th District Court race, Debra Nance holds a sizeable lead with 61.87 percent of the vote over her opponent, Bill Seikaly who is coming in with 37.89 percent."

[Full story](#)

## **Kalamazoo medical marijuana dispensaries face legal hurdles despite charter amendment's overwhelming passage**

"... [Attorney John Targowski] anticipated having to take the city to court to implement the charter amendment and said he would await a decision from the Michigan Supreme Court, which will rule on whether dispensaries are legal under the state's 2008 medical marijuana law. Last year, in the State of Michigan v. Brandon McQueen, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that medical marijuana dispensaries are illegal."

[Full story](#)

## **Kalamazoo Gazette: Kathleen Brickley wins circuit judge race in Van Buren County**

"She was appointed circuit judge in Van Buren County in April. Now, Kathleen Brickley will get the chance to serve a full six-year term on the bench after capturing more than 63 percent of the vote in a race against her opponent, Paw Paw attorney Matt Cooper."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**The Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph: Judge Brickley cruising toward re-election**

[Full story](#)

**Kalamazoo Gazette: David Tomlinson leading for probate court judge in St. Joseph County**

"David Tomlinson appeared early Wednesday morning to be in line to become the next probate court judge for St. Joseph County. With votes in 22 of 30 precincts reported as of 2:30 a.m., Tomlinson had 9,283 votes to 8,025 for Christine Yancey."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Kalamazoo Gazette: Robert Pattison leads race for district court judge in St. Joseph County**

[Full story](#)

**Three Rivers Commercial-News: Two new judges for St. Joseph County; Pattison, Tomlinson voted onto bench**

[Full story](#)

**River Country Journal/Three Rivers: Tomlinson, Pattison in lead for judicial posts**

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**Sturgis Journal: Tomlinson jumps ahead in race for probate judge**

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**Sturgis Journal: Pattison holds early lead**

[Full story](#)

**Macomb County Legal News: 'An Evening with the Jurists'**

"The Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers (ISIAL) along with the Hellenic Bar Association of Michigan (HBAM) and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law recently presented "An Evening with the Jurists." The event, part of the school's 100th anniversary celebration, was held at the UDM School of Law Atrium in Detroit."

[Full story](#)

**Midland Daily News: Law enforcement, court seats filled in uncontested races**

"Uncontested races in the general election have seated a handful of officials who are involved law enforcement and the courts.... Re-elected to their posts were Midland County Prosecutor Mike Carpenter, Midland County Circuit Court Judge Jonathan E. Lauderbach and Midland County Probate Judge Dorene S. Allen."

[Full story](#)

**MLive.com: Election 2012 results: Jim Jamo wins open Ingham County Circuit Court seat**

"Lansing-area attorney Jim Jamo will be the newest judge at Ingham County Circuit Court. Jamo defeated Ken Ross, assistant general counsel for Citizens Republic Bancorp, in Tuesday's election to replace the outgoing Judge Paula Manderfield, who did not seek re-election."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **Lansing State Journal: Jamo likely to win 30th Circuit Court seat**

[Full story](#)

**\*\* The article is available by subscription only.**

## **MLive.com: Election 2012 results: 4 Lansing district, circuit judges re-elected in unopposed races**

"Two Lansing District Court and two Ingham County Circuit Court judges were re-elected in unopposed races in Tuesday's election. Lansing district judges Frank DeLuca and Hugh Clarke, and Ingham circuit judges Laura Baird and George Economy will return to their respective benches after each secured at least 97 percent in their races."

[Full story](#)

## **MLive.com: Election 2012 results: Andrea Larkin bests state Rep. Mark Meadows for East Lansing District Court judgeship**

"Lansing-area attorney Andrea Larkin will be East Lansing's newest judge. Larkin defeated outgoing state Rep. Mark Meadows, D-East Lansing, in Tuesday's election to replace retiring East Lansing District Judge David Jordon."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **The State News/East Lansing: Larkin upsets Meadows in 54-B district judge race**

[Full story](#)

## **Lansing State Journal: Student vote key in Larkin upset of Meadows**

[Full story](#)

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## **The Morning Sun: Bakker appears to have won the judge's race**

"Local political forecasters had said the race for Gratiot County Probate Judge would be close. And that it was .Kristen Bakker however, led in most of the precincts but not all. Nancy Gallagher carried two of Alma's three precincts by significant margins.... But the rest of the county belonged to Bakker."

[Full story](#)

## **Muskegon Chronicle: Election 2012 results: Annette Smedley narrowly defeats Raymond J. Kostrzewa for 14th Circuit judge**

"It was a close race, but Annette Smedley, a criminal-defense lawyer working as a public defender, narrowly beat out Raymond J. Kostrzewa, a longtime Muskegon County senior assistant prosecutor for the 14th Circuit Court bench being vacated by Judge James M. Graves Jr."

[Full story](#)

## **Oakland County Legal News: Keeping focus on the BIG picture: District judge reflects on career, therapeutic justice, and love of law**

"At the end of this year, Oakland County 52-4 District Court Judge Dennis Drury will be wrapping up his career on the bench serving the City of Troy.... A retirement celebration for Drury will be hosted on Thursday, Nov. 8, beginning at 6 p.m. at the San Marino Club in Troy.... [A]fter his retirement the 52nd District Court will only have nine judges instead of 10. This change is part of recent reforms to the Michigan judicial system."

[Full Story](#)

## **Press & Guide/Dearborn: Dearborn voters oust district court judge; Kosinski returning to Dearborn Heights council (updated 7:25 a.m.)**

"Dearborn voters chose to make a change in 19th District Court. Like in the primary, Judge Richard Wygonik lost to challenger Sam Salamey, a former magistrate, in Tuesday's general election for a six-year term. Salamey got 18,150 votes, or 56 percent; Wygonik, who has been a 19th District judge since 2005, got 14,020."

[Full story](#)

### **Times Herald/Port Huron: West wins tight battle for circuit court**

"Less than 1,000 votes separated the winner and loser in the race for St. Clair County circuit judge. John Adair and Micheal West were on Tuesday's ballot to replace Circuit Court Judge James Adair — John Adair's 75-year-old father who has served on the bench since 1995. James Adair can't run for another six-year term because of age restrictions."

[Full story](#)

### **Traverse City Record-Eagle: Grand Traverse, Benzie voters pick probate judges**

"Two local counties will have new probate judges. Melanie Stanton rolled up a large lead over opponent Kirsten Keilitz in the Grand Traverse County probate race late Tuesday. In Benzie County, John Mead led John Daugherty by roughly a 2-to-1 margin."

[Full story](#)